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SUMMARY. IN REPLY REF A, MISSION PROVIDES COMMENTS AS TO HOW US COULD ENCOURAGE PROGRESS IN SEVERAL COMMON TRAINING AREAS UNDER STUDY BY E/NT. WE NOTE NEXT E/NT MEETING IS AT BRUSSELS APR 8-11, 1975 AND STRONGLY RECOMMEND THAT US REPS TO E/NT SUB-GROUPS BE PREPARED TO PROPOSE WAYS TO ENHANCE US PARTICIPATION IN NATO COOPERATIVE TRAINING, BOTH IN THE US AND IN EUROPE. MISSION ALSO NOTES THAT US HAS NEVER PROVIDED REP TO FINANCIAL SUB-GROUP AND RECOMMENDS THAT THE US DO SO BEGINNING WITH APRIL MEETING. END SUMMARY.

1. IN PARAS B, C AND D OF ENCLOSURE TO REF B, THE E/NT
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CHAIRMAN (RADM TREBESCH) LISTS SOME 28 TRAINING PROJECTS EIHIER COMPLETED OR IN VARIOUS STAGES OF STUDY. E/NT DESCRIBES ONE TRAINING PROJECT, NATO MANAGEMENT SCHOOL/MANAGEMENT TRAINING, AS DEADLOCKED, ALTHOUGH MISSION UNDERSTANDS THIS IS

BECAUSE NATIONS HAVE BEEN UNABLE TO DEFINE REQUIREMENTS. AS WASHINGTON IS AWARE, ANY COMPLETED PROJECTS ARE MINOR OR ADMINISTRATIVE IN NATURE AND E/NT HAS NOT YET ACHIEVED CONCRETE RESULTS IN ESTABLISHING CONSOLIDATED TRAINING FACILITIES OR PROGRAMS.

2. BASED ON REPORTS OF LAST TWO E/NT MEETINGS AND ON CURRENT INFORMATION AVAILABLE HERE, MISSION HAS REVIEWED THE STATUS OF THE MOE IMPORTANT TRAINING PROJECTS UNDER DEVELOPMENT. WE BELIEVE THAT REAL PROGRESS IS POSSIBLE AND OFFER THE FOLLOWING COMMENTS:

A. BASIC HELICOPTER PILOT TRAINING (BHPT): ONLY NORWAY, THE FRG, AND DENMARK REMAIN IN THE FORT RUCKER PROJECT, ALTHOUGH WE HOPE OTHER NATIONS, SUCH AS THE NETHERLANDS, CANADA AND THE UK, MIGHT JOIN OVER THE NEXT FEW YEARS. HOWEVER, WE UNDERSTAND THAT DENMARK IS CLOSE TO DROPPING OUT BECAUSE FORT RUCKER HAS TERMINATED ITS PILOT CONVERSION COURSE (FIXED WING TO HELICOPTER) AS OF JAN 1, 1975. DENMARK HAS SOME TRAINEES IN THIS CATEGORY AND, UNLESS OFFICIALLY NOTIFIED IN THE NEAR FUTURE THAT THE US HAS REESTABLISHED THE CONVERSION COURSE, MAY WELL SEEK TRAINING ELSEWHERE.

B. ADVANCED HELICOPTER PILOT TRAINING: WE UNDERSTAND THIS ITEM WILL BE ON AGENDA FOR NEXT E/NT MEETING AND THAT UK IS PREPARED TO GO AHEAD WITH STUDY IF NATIONS CAN PROVIDE SOME IDEA OF REQUIREMENTS FOR TRAINING IN THE UK. MISSION RECOGNIZES THAT US HAS NO IMMEDIATE DEMAND FOR SUCH TRAINING BUT WE BELIEVE THAT US HELICOPTER PILOTS EN ROUTE EUROPEAN ASSIGNMENTS WOULD PROFIT GREATLY FROM THIS NATO TRAINING IN THE EUROPEAN ENVIRONMENT. WE PROPOSE THAT, AT APRIL E/NT MEETING, US PROVIDE UK WITH PRELIMINARY INFORMATION CONCERNING APPROXIMATE NUMBER OF TRAINEES AND SCOPE OF DESIRED TRAINING. US PARTICIPATION IN THIS PROGRAM MIGHT PROVIDE AN ADDED INCENTIVE FOR THE UK TO JOIN THE FORT RUCKER BHPT PROJECT TOWARD THE END OF THE DECADE.

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C. IMPROVED HAWK TRAINING: ALLIES HAVE DECIDED TO BUY MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR TRAINING IN THE US INSTEAD OF ESTABLISHING A EUROPEAN COMMON TRAINING CENTER. HOWEVER, THE US IS ALMOST A YEAR LATE IN PROVIDING INFORMATION TO E/NT CONCERNING THIS TRAINING. MISSION UNDERSTANDS THAT PROJECTED WORLDWIDE INPUTS MAY EXCEED CAPACITY OF US SCHOOLS BUT WE BELIEVE FIRST PRIORITY SHOULD GO TO NATO ALLIES AND THAT US SHOULD PROVIDE NATIONS WITH REQUIRED INFORMATION WITHOUT FURTHER DELAY.

D. NADGE TRAINING: BECAUSE OF DIFFICULTY IN GETTING AGREEMENT AS TO MANNER OF FUNDING, THE MILITARY BUDGET COMMITTEE HAS HELD UP FOR OVER TWO YEARS AN URGENT PROGRAM FOR

CONDUCTING LIVE EW TRAINING FOR NADGE AIR DEFENSE SECTORS. MISSION RECOMMENDS US REP AT NEXT AIR FORCE SUB-GROUP MEETING INTRODUCE THIS SUBJECT INTO E/NT WHERE, LIKE THE NATO AIRCREW EW TACTICS FACILITY (REF C), IT PROPERLY BELONGS. THE AIR FORCE SUB-GROUP HAS NADGE TRAINING UNDER STUDY BUT ONLY RELATING TO EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION CONCERNING COURSES IN EXISTING SCHOOLS FOR OPERATION OR MAINTENANCE OF NADGE EQUIPMENT. WE NOTE THAT ANY AIRCRAFT ACQUIRED TO PROVIDE EW SERVICES FOR NADGE COULD ALSO SERVE NAVAL FORCES AND WOULD, THEREFORE, HAVE WIDE APPLICATION TO NATO TRAINING.

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E. JOINT JET PILOT TRAINING: PRIOR TO THE OCT 1974 MEETING OF AIR FORCE SUB-GROUP, THE USAF POSITION HAD BEEN THAT NO TRAINING FACILITIES WERE AVAILABLE IN THE US; ON A DIFFERENT FRONT (OSD'S "NATO RATIONALIZATION POTENTIAL" STUDY) WE WERE PROPOSING THAT NATO ALLIES CONDUCT ALL UNDERGRADUATE JET PILOT TRAINING IN THE US. MISSION RECOMMENDS THAT US REP AT NEXT MEETING PROPOSE THIS JOINT TRAINING BE CONDUCTED IN THE US AND PROVIDE SOME INITIAL INFORMATION, INCLUDING COST ESTIMATES. IN SUPPORT OF THIS EFFORT, MISSION NOTES THAT THE FRG NOW CONDUCTS JET TRAINING IN THE US. WITH FRG CONCURRENCE, IT MIGHT BE POSSIBLE TO EXPAND THE FRG PROGRAM TO INCLUDE OTHER NATO ALLIES. THIS WOULD HAVE THE EFFECT OF LOWERING COSTS TO THE FRG AND PROVIDING THE BEST UNDERGRADUATE JET PILOT TRAINING TO OTHER ALLIES WHOSE PILOTS, HOPEFULLY,

WILL BE GRADUATING TO US AIRCRAFT ANYWAY. MISSION
RECOMMENDS US REPS RAISE THIS SUBJECT AT US/FRG DISCUSSIONS
ON RATIONALIZATION/SPECIALIZATION SCHEDULED IN BONN IN NEAR
FUTURE (REF D).
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F. AIRBORNE FORWARD AIR CONTRAL (FAC) TRAINING: THE
FRG AND NETHERLANDS AIR FORCES CONDUCT THIS TRAINING ON A
NATIONAL BASIS. THE E/NT AIR FORCE SUB-GROUP IS LOOKING INTO
COMBINING THESE COURSES INTO A SINGLE NATO COURSE AND THE
SUB-GROUP CHAIRMAN HAS REQUESTED ALL NATONS TO PROVIDE AN
ESTIMATE OF THEIR AIRBORNE (HELICOPTER) FAC TAAINING REQUIRE-
MENTS. US PARTICIPATION, EVEN ON A TOKEN BASIS, WOULD
ENCOURAGE ALLIES TO ESTABLISH THE SCHOOL, REALIZE RESULTANT
ECONOMIES, INCREASE TRAINING READINESS AND DEVELOP STANDARDIZED
PROCEDURES.

G. MISSION SEES THREE EMBRYONIC E/NT TRAINING PROJECTS
WHICH OFFER POTENTIAL AND COULD WARRANT US PARTICIPATION:
LANCE TRAINING; COMMON UTILIZATION OF NATIONAL TRAINING
GROUNDS (FOR ARTILLERY, TANK AND INFANTRY TRAINING); AND AN
AIR COMBAT MANEUVERING RANGE (ACMR). SERVICES SHOULD
INVESTIGATE THESE AREAS.

3. BEYOND THE SPECIFIC TRAINING PROJECTS DESCRIBED ABOVE,
E/NT HAS WORK UNDERWAY TO DEVELOP PRINCIPLES FOR THE FINANCING
OF TRAINING, BOTH IN EXISTING NATIONAL FACILITIES AND IN NEW
COMMON TRAINING FACILITIES. THE FINANCIAL SUB-GROUP HAS PRO-
DUCED STANAG 2360, NOW IN THE RATIFICATION PROCESS, WHICH
DEALS WITH PAYING FOR SPARE CAPACITY IN EXISTING TRAINING
FACILITIES ON A BILATERAL BASIS. THE US HAS BEEN UNABLE TO
APPROVE THIS STANAG BECAUSE IT CONFLICTS WITH THE PROVISIONS
OF THE FOREIGN MILITARY SALES ACT. HAD THE US PARTICIPATED
IN PREVIOUS WORK OF THE FINANCIAL SUB-GROUP, IT MIGHT HAVE
BEEN POSSIBLE TO INFLUENCE THE DRAFTING SUCH THAT STANAG
2360 ACCOUNTED FOR US RESTRICTIONS IN FINANCING INTERNATIONAL
TRAINING. IN ANY CASE, THE US SHOULD BECOME INVOLVED IN THE
CURRENT WORK OF THE FINANCIAL SUB-GROUP IN DEVELOPING ANOTHER
STANAG - "GUIDELINES AND PRINCIPLES FOR THE FINANCING OF NEW
COMMON TRAINING FACILITIES OR FOR THE EXTENSION OF EXISTING
FACILITIES". THESE GUIDELINES WILL INFLUENCE THE METHOD OF
FUNDING OF SUCH PROJECTS AS LIVE NADEE EW TRAINING AND
AIRCREW EW TACTICS FACILITY, PARA 2 D ABOVE. MISSION
RECOMMENDS THAT THE US PROVIDE A REPRESENTATIVE AT ALL
FUTURE MEETINGS OF THE FINANCIAL SUB-GROUP. BRUCE

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